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The Honorable William M. Nickerson  
United States District Court  
For the District of Maryland  
3rd Floor, Room 330  
101 W. Lombard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: In the Matter of the Complaint  
of OC Rockets LLC, etc.  
Civil Action No. WMN 00 CV 2892

Dear Judge Nickerson:

We are writing to jointly request a revision in the present pre-trial schedule. We believe that the factual discovery is sufficiently complete to permit evaluation of the case for settlement. We request that the scheduled be slipped two months to permit us to explore settlement and/or mediation. Our suggestion would be, that if you could refer this matter to a magistrate judge to set a mediation date, we will attempt to resolve a case, failing which we will meet with the magistrate judge. We feel that should this request be acceptable to you, the new dates would be as follows:

Claimants' expert reports	October 31, 2001
Petitioner's expert reports	
and submission of status report	November 28, 2001
Dispositive Motions	December 15, 2001

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

David W. Skeen

cc: Stephen M. Calder, Esq.  
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" Byron " THIS 22 DAY  
OF Aug, 20 01  
William M. Nickerson  
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